

Notification No. R. 6408—Agri. 99-07-2, dated 3rd April 1908.

The following Resolution No. 2493-2507—15, dated the 11th March 1908, from the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, (Emigration), placing certain restrictions on immigration into the Transvaal Colony, is hereby published for general information:—

By Order,

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Offg. Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

No. 2493-2507—15.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

EMIGRATION.

RESOLUTION.

Dated Calcutta, the 11th March 1908.

The Government of India have received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India a copy of an Act which has been passed by the Transvaal Government to place restrictions on immigration into the Colony, to provide for the removal therefrom of prohibited immigrants and other persons and to establish and maintain an Immigration Department. The more important provisions of the Act are published for general information.

ACT No. 15 OF 1907.

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of the Transvaal as follows:—

1. The Peace Preservation Ordinance 1903 shall be and is hereby repealed; provided that no such repeal shall affect or abridge any powers or jurisdiction by the Asiatic Law Amendment Act 1907 conferred for the purpose of carrying out such Act; but the said Ordinance shall for all the purposes of such Act be deemed to remain of full force and effect.

2. In this Act and in any regulation made thereunder unless inconsistent with the context, Interpretation of terms.

"department" shall mean the Immigration Department established and maintained under the provisions of this Act;

"Governor" shall mean the officer for the time being administering the Government of this Colony acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council;

"imprisonment" shall mean imprisonment with or without hard labour as the court sentencing an offender to imprisonment may direct;

"magistrate" shall include a resident magistrate and an assistant resident magistrate of any district of the Colony;

"Minister" shall mean the Colonial Secretary or such other Minister to whom the Governor may from time to time assign the carrying out of this Act;

"minor" shall mean any person under the age of sixteen years;

"police officer" shall mean any member of a police force lawfully established in this Colony;

"prohibited immigrant" shall mean and include any of the following classes of persons desiring to enter or entering this Colony after the date of the taking effect of this Act;

(1) any person who when asked whether within or outside this Colony by a duly authorized officer shall be unable through deficient education to write out (from dictation or otherwise) and sign in the characters of an European language an application for permission to enter this Colony or such other document as such officer may require; provided that for the purposes of this sub-section Yiddish shall be accepted as an European language; provided further that

(a) if the Minister publish a notice in the Gazette that arrangements have been made with the Government of any country for regulating the admission to this Colony of the subjects or citizens of such country such subjects or citizens shall not while such notice is in force be required to comply with the provisions of this sub-section;